Minutes of the special meeting and work session of the Arts Council for the City of Winslow held on November 9, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, AZ.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

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**STAFF** 

Sarah Smithson, Chairman Todd Roth, Vice-Chairman April Neill Sam Conner

Christa Knox

Cheri Russell

Roberta Cano, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:38p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and April offered the invocation. Todd moved to have Cheri excused from being absent, April seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

# MINUTE APPROVAL OF - OCTOBER 21, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING

The minutes of the October 21, 2015 Special Meeting were reviewed and approved by Chairman Smithson.

# **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Call to the public was closed, as no members of the public attended the meeting.

# COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

Work Session, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:

# A. Discussion in reference to the INKFEST costs, revenue, and feedback.

Sarah stated that she has received positive feedback from the public regarding the INKFEST and thanked all of the Council members for their hard work. Sarah began a discussion in reference to the amount of money spent for the INKFEST advertising, proposing a set dollar amount to be spent on an Arts Council event for advertising. The Council decided that each individual event will determine the amount of money spent. The Recording Secretary presented an overview of all expenses to advertise and run the event, along with the money generated from donations and t-shirt sales, resulting in a loss of \$ 179.26. A discussion took place in reference to the feedback provided by the vendors and artists that attended INKFEST, who stated that they all made a profit that day. The Council discussed plans for the 2016 INKFEST and critiqued the areas that can be improved on as well as various costs and new fundraising opportunities. The Council will revisit the planning of INKFEST 2016 at least 6 months prior to the scheduled event date.

April began a discussion in reference to professionalism as a representative of the Arts Council, as some feedback provided information that questionable behavior arose during the INKFEST. Sarah stated that she would like to have the professionalism topic to be placed on the next agenda. The Arts Council members were invited by Sarah to attend the City Council meeting to publicly promote and thank the people involved with the work accomplished at INKFEST.

# B. Discussion in reference to the cake decorating class possibly needing a new venue.

Sarah moved to table items B and C to be discussed at the next Arts Council meeting, April Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

# C. Discussion in reference to the Parade of Art, Art Walk, and possible mural paintings in the City.

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# D. Discussion in reference to a possible Women's Self- Defense class.

Sarah stated that she would like to establish a Prevention and Self-Defense class with an emphasis on skills that women can learn to defend themselves in a dangerous situation. A discussion took place in reference to the relevance of the Arts Council having a class that doesn't necessarily focus on art, but rather a police or security based class. The Council determined that the class would fall under the scope of Martial Arts. April moved to have the Council look into have a Martial Arts Self-Defense class for the community, Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Sarah would like to have the Council seek out some of the Martial Arts professionals in Winslow as well as Winslow PD to see if they would be willing to provide a class to the community. Todd commented on the class being focused on women's safety as being too specific and excluding men. The Council discussed the details of the class and decided that it will be open to all ages and genders, but a portion of the class will be specific to girls and women's safety.

# E. Discussion in reference the Holiday lights/decoration contest for the public.

April stated that the event is a lot of fun and very well received, she also stated that she would like to donate the signs for the event. The Recording Secretary will create flyers to promote the Holiday Light contest. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

# Matters from the floor

A discussion took place in reference creating a Facebook page for Arts Council for new events. A discussion took place about bringing Creative Spirits back for another event in February or March, and will be placed on the next agenda. Christa suggested that we put a Chalk Walk event on a future agenda for discussion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 P.M., withou	ut objection.
	Sarah Smithson, Chairperson
ATTEST:	
Roberta Cano - Recording Secretary	